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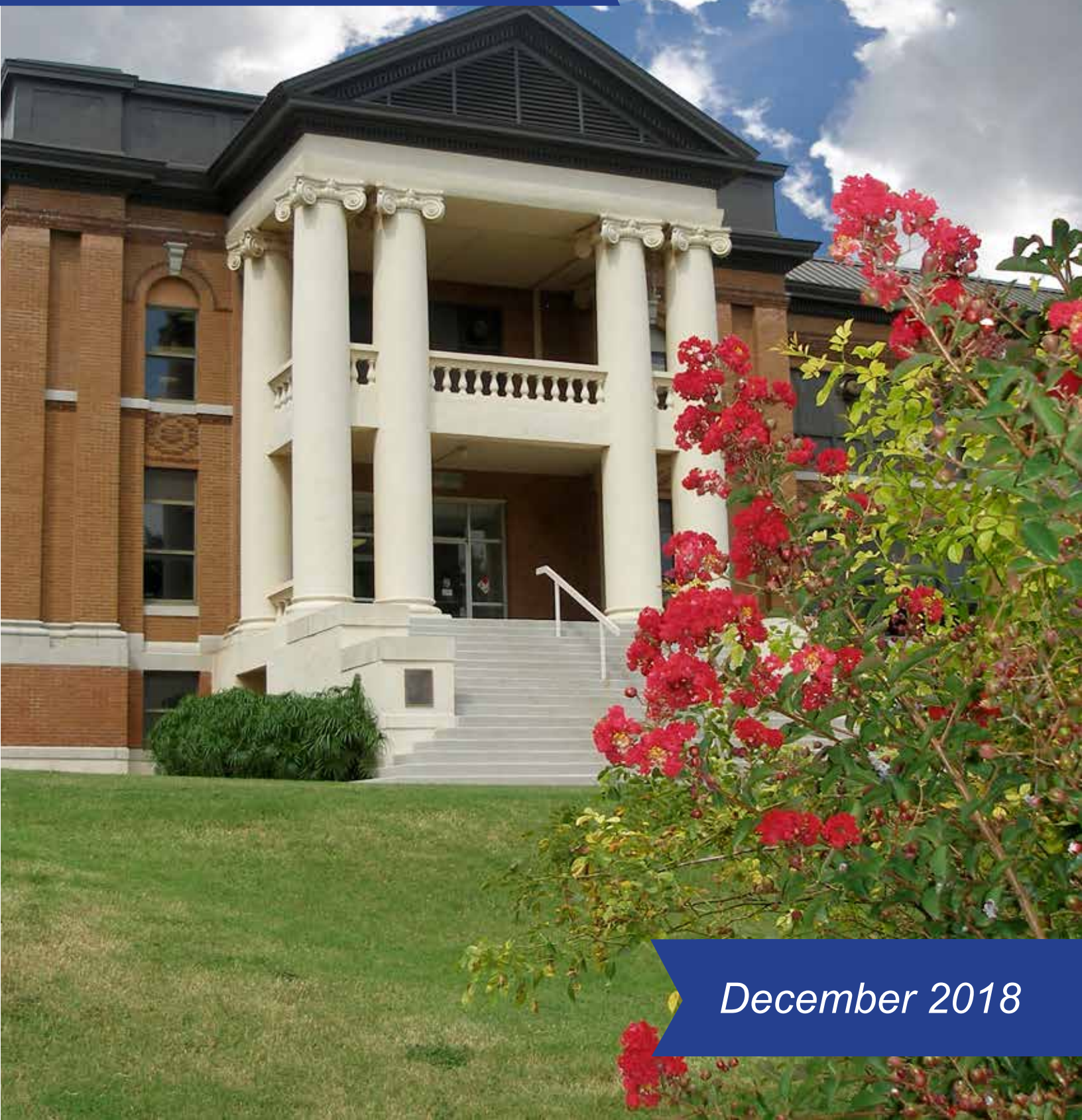
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Academic Planning for the New Year

It's the Monday after the last day of finals. I look out of my office windows and see only a handful of cars and no pedestrians. Halls are empty except for the custodians who can now clean floors without dodging the bodies that are hurriedly running to their next class. It's an odd calm given how busy the semester was just a few days ago.

Yet on January 7th, the spring semester begins and the campus turns from a sleepy neighborhood into a bustling campus. Printers in computer labs are busy spitting out course syllabi, lines are forming at the Registrar and Business offices, and hunting season for parking spaces begins.

As busy as the start of the semester is, most of the activities are recurring, so those can be anticipated. There are, however, always a few new things that pop up.

For example, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have asked for a 13.1% increase in appropriations for the next fiscal year. The hope is to make up for some of the budget cuts to higher education that have occurred during the last several years. How this plays out with the recent elections is a big question - fifty-seven (38%) of the Oklahoma legislators are new plus we have a new governor. This means more visits to the Capitol to educate these new politicians about the needs of higher education.

Also, in 2017, a Citizen's Task Force on the Future of Higher Education was assembled to "focus on modernization, efficiencies, and innovation." One suggestion in the task force's [report](#) was for voluntary mergers of colleges and universities, as long as the mergers would improve cost savings and increase student success. As a result of this recommendation, SWOSU and Redlands Community College in El Reno have started to discuss this possibility. No decision has been made yet about a merger, but the report recommends a final decision by June 30, 2019.

So, while the recurring activities of the semester make another cycle this spring, SWOSU administrators and faculty will also be actively involved with championing the Regents' request for a budget increase and in discussions about the possibility of a merger with Redlands.

As we are in the midst of the holiday season, Carla and I wish you a safe and joyous one.



Pete Grant, Dean
College of Arts & Sciences



CAS News

Ms. Sophie Hung (Music) graduated from the University of North Texas with a DMA in Piano Performance.

Congratulations to Drs. Blake Sonobe and Stuart Burchett, both SWOSU Chemistry emeriti, who received awards at the Annual Emeriti Holiday Reception.

Jaxson Taylor (Engineering Physics major) and Chelsea Miller (Biology major) were among the students interviewed to represent SWOSU at Research Day at the Capitol.

Amanda Jantz of Enid was crowned Homecoming Queen during halftime of the SWOSU football game. Jantz was sponsored by the Pride of the Great Southwest Marching Band.

Dr. Regina McGrane is a coauthor of a recent publication in the *Annual Review of Phytopathology*: [Seeing the Light: The Roles of Red- and Blue-Light Sensing in Plant Microbes](#).

Mr. Landry Brewer (Social Sciences) was [interviewed](#) by KGOU Radio, the Norman NPR affiliate, about former OU professor and accused Soviet spy Maurice Halperin. Mr. Brewer also wrote an [article](#) about the history of higher education in Sayre.

SWOSU's Music Department hosted the Oklahoma Jazz Educators Fall Workshop on November 12-13. The two-day event featured big band performances, clinics by guest artists, round table discussions with notable jazz educators, and a workshop for high school students working on the Oklahoma All State Jazz audition music.

Ms. Debbie Flaming (Administrative Assistant for Social Sciences and Biological Sciences) is serving as treasurer for the SWOSU Staff Council.

Dr. Howard Kurtz (Social Sciences) was a discussant on a panel focusing on "Crime Violence and Genocide" and he presented a paper on "Youth Violence in the Caribbean" at the Southwest Social Science Meetings in Orlando.

Dr. Joseph Frederickson (Biological Sciences) recently published an article in *Scientific Reports* (8) 1: Niche Partitioning in Theropod Dinosaurs: Diet and Habitat Preference in Predators from the Uppermost Cedar Mountain Formation (Utah, U.S.A.).

The 19th Annual Sayre Career Day was held on the Sayre campus in November. Among the departments participating were Art, Communication & Theatre; Music; Biological Sciences; and Social Sciences.

Dr. John Hayden's Elementary Latin I (Honors) course has received Three Pillars Approval by the SWOSU Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Sport News

Four CAS student-athletes were recently recognized:

Sandra Nabweteme - Soccer (Engineering Physics major). Sandra received two honors: College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District Team. This honor recognizes students for their athletic and academic work. She also was selected to the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-American Second Team.

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CAS News (cont.)

Sofia Gruden - Volleyball (Communication Arts major) received Second Volleyball Team honor by All-OklahomaSports.Net.

Sarah Dengler - Pom Squad (Biology major) was chosen for the SWOSU Athlete Spotlight by the *Weatherford Daily News*.

Hailey Tucker – Basketball (Communication Arts major) was named the Great American Conference Co-Player of the Week for the 10th time.

Faculty Funding

Dr. Tim Hubin (Chemistry & Physics) – National Institutes of Health through the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Travel Support

Three faculty in Chemistry & Physics received funding from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education/OK INBRE program to travel to the National American Chemical Society Meeting: Drs. Trevor Ellis, Jon Henrikson and Tim Hubin.

Alumni News

Dr. Henrietta Mann (English Alumna) was [identified](#) in *The Oklahoman* as one of five Oklahomans who make a difference.

Mr. John Aaron (Physics alumnus) is featured as one of the many Regional University System of Oklahoma success stories on the [RUSO web site](#).

Four Study Abroad Programs Being Offered by SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University is offering four Study Abroad programs in March and May 2019. Information about the trips can be obtained from the sponsoring faculty member on the Weatherford campus or at the links listed for each trip.

[London](#) – SWOSU/Business with Dr. Jerry Dunn, jerry.dunn@swosu.edu, March 15–March 24

[London](#) – SWOSU/Literature with Dr. Amanda Smith-Chesley, amanda.smith@swosu.edu, March 15–March 24

[Spain](#) – SWOSU with Dr. Cynthia Pena, cynthia.pena@swosu.edu, May 15–May 29

[France](#) – SWOSU with Dr. Todd Parker, todd.parker@swosu.edu, May 20–May 30.



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SWOSU Hosts Oklahoma Academy of Science Meeting



Around 160 faculty and students from 18 institutions in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas recently attended the 107th annual technical meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science held on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford.

Forty-five oral presentations and 28 posters in 10 different disciplines were featured at the meeting, according to SWOSU College of Arts & Sciences Dean and meeting organizer Dr. Peter Grant.

An academy luncheon was held, and guests were entertained by the SWOSU Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Daniel Farris. Academy President

Dr. Adam Ryburn, chair of the Oklahoma City University Department of Biology (and a SWOSU biology alumnus), welcomed participants and discussed the importance of involving undergraduate students in research opportunities. He thanked SWOSU and President Randy Beutler for hosting the meeting.

The luncheon speaker was Kevin Mohr, chief of interpretation and operations at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne. Mohr discussed the Battle of the Washita that occurred 150 years ago in November 1868, and how science is being used to help understand the events of that battle. After his presentation, Mohr presented Grant with a challenge coin commemorating the battle. Grant then presented Mohr with a print by Southern Cheyenne artist Merlin Little Thunder.

Founded in 1909, the purpose of the Oklahoma Academy of Science is to stimulate scientific research, to promote fraternal relationships among those engaged in scientific work in Oklahoma, to diffuse among the citizens of Oklahoma a knowledge of the various disciplines of science, and to investigate and make known the material and educational resources of the state. Each year a different institution of higher education hosts the technical meeting. The meeting at SWOSU was made possible with the assistance of the City of Weatherford's Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee.

SWOSU Students Win Top Awards at Oklahoma Academy of Science Meeting

Two Biology students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently won honors at the 2018 Oklahoma Academy of Science (OAS) state meeting held in November.

Jennifer Abshire of McLoud and Jennifer Prophet of Weatherford won the Outstanding Undergraduate Poster and the Outstanding Undergraduate Oral Presentation in Applied Ecology & Conservation, respectively.

Eleven awards were made at the OAS state meeting and SWOSU students won two of the awards. The meeting involved 18 institutions in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

Abshire's poster was entitled "*Pseudomonas syringae* Motility Appendages: Roles in Surface Colonization and Survival." Her faculty mentor is Dr. Regina McGrane. Prophet's presentation was entitled "Timing of Avian Migration Onset Through the Oklahoma City Area 1995-2017 Using NOAA Weather Data. Her faculty mentor is Dr. Zach Jones.



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Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa

Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa was presented at Southwestern Oklahoma State University by the SWOSU Department of Art, Communication & Theatre in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre.



The melodrama, written by R. Eugene Jackson, introduced the audience to the villains of the play, Mama and Ebenezer Grunch, two people so mean they would ban Christmas, rip down all the decorations and outlaw Christmas wrapping. They set up the “crisis” in Mistletoe Mesa when they trick Happy Holiday into signing over the deed to the town. They even kidnap Santa Claus and lock him in the outhouse, along with his eight reindeer!

As Mama and Ebenezer Grunch try to succeed with their evil plans, they are challenged by the hero, Happy Holiday, and some of the other hilarious characters in this melodramatic town: the heroine—Mary Christmas, her good friend Holly Bush, Tiny Kim and even an appearance by good ol’ St. Nick himself.

The production was under the guidance of Assistant Professors Jessica Salmans and Steve Strickler.

Company members include (front row from left): Skylar Goodwin, Cordell; Savannah McCormick, Okarche; Izzy Moad, Erick; Ceirra Sorrells, Moore; and Hannah Detweiler, Thomas. Second row from left—Daniel McGuire, Grove; Lupita Mora, Marble Falls TX; Dillon Propst, Stillwater; Colleen McGowan, Oklahoma City; Kendra Place, Washington; Alexander Shook, Sayre; and William Appel, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Back row from left—Han Yu Shin, Taiwan; RyLee Combs, Duke; Payton Phillips, Shallowater TX; Jaelynn McCormick, Denver CO; Carlos Ramirez, Elk City; Chandler Seaton, Stroud; and Grant Crews, Okarche.

Battle of the Bulldogs Benefits Step Up Program for Foster Care Youth

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students and student organizations staged the annual Battle of the Bulldogs in conjunction with Homecoming activities on the Weatherford campus. Different events were held and organizations raised money for the Step Up program, which is a program for children who are aging out of the foster care system.

The SWOSU Student Government Association coordinated the Battle of the Bulldogs, which is a competition among clubs, organizations and individual student groups.

Teams squared off against each other to win points at each competition during the week. Among the events was a lip sync battle which was sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences. Two of the judges were Drs. Robin Jones (Art, Communication & Theatre) and Steven O’Neal (Biological Sciences).



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SWOSU Saturday

CAS faculty and students share information about their programs with prospective students and their families in the Wellness Center during SWOSU Saturday.



SWOSU Physics Students Receive National Award

The National Office of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) has announced that the Southwestern Oklahoma State University SPS Chapter has been selected as a 2017-18 Blake Lilly Prize recipient! The selection committee recognized that the Chapter's outreach efforts and dedication to physics education has visibly made a difference in the Weatherford community.

The National Offices plans to showcase some of the chapter's events on the SPS National [website](#) and in SPS publications throughout the year.

Interestingly, the December 13, 2018, edition of The Weatherford Daily News, in its "Look Back" section, reported that the SWOSU SPS Chapter "was named one of the nation's top 28 chapters for 1977-78."



SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS



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Bulldog Art Alley

On Saturday, October 27, the art education teacher candidates hosted Bulldog Art Alley, a morning of painting, drawing and sculpting for 30 middle school students from Weatherford, Clinton, Watonga and the surrounding area. This workshop was planned and taught by SWOSU art students as a learning opportunity to work with middle school students while gaining experience in planning, presenting and reflecting on teaching practices. The students are in Ms. Marsha Carman's Teacher's Course in Art.



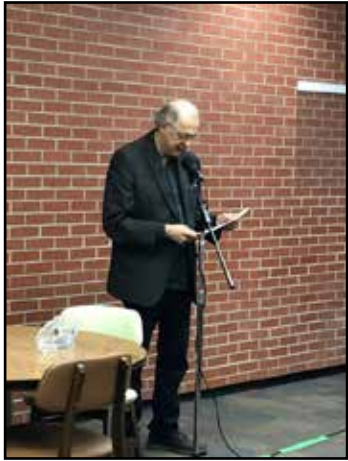
Pastel Painting Workshop

Ms. Marsha Carman (Art, Communication & Theatre) presented a Pastel Painting workshop at the Oklahoma Art Education Association state conference on the campus of Oklahoma Christian University campus, Oct. 12-13. OAEA members from throughout Oklahoma attended the conference themed "Speak Out for Art." Carman also serves on the OAEA Board of Directors.



Open Mic Night

An Open Mic Poetry and Fiction Reading night was recently held in the Al Harris Library. Students and faculty presented their original work. The event was sponsored by the SWOSU Department of Language & Literature.



Five CAS Faculty Selected for Inaugural SWOSU Instructional Excellence Academy

Ten Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty members have recently been selected to the inaugural class of the SWOSU Instructional Excellence Academy (IEA). Five of those faculty are members of the College of Arts & Sciences:

- Dr. Kelley Logan, Department of Language & Literature
- Dr. David Martyn, Department of Chemistry & Physics
- Dr. Jessica Salmans, Department of Art, Communication & Theatre
- Dr. Lisa Castle, Department of Biological Sciences
- Dr. Heather Katz, Department of Social Sciences.



These individuals were selected through a competitive application process. Applications were reviewed by a panel of SWOSU staff and faculty. "We had many great applications for this first class," said CETL Director Marci Grant.

The IEA is SWOSU's new initiative to provide resources to university instructors who wish to improve teaching and learning in their classrooms. It is a joint venture between the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) and the Faculty Development Committee. Participants spend two semesters completing hybrid learning experiences, encompassing both online and in-person activities.

Upon successful completion of the course, faculty will be known as SWOSU Instructional Excellence Fellows and will be able to display the logo of the academy on their office doors and email signatures.

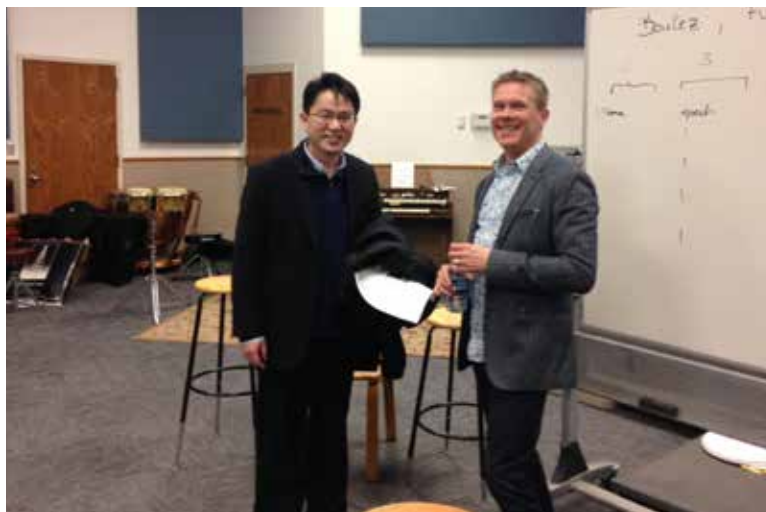
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SWOSU Music Department Receives Early Holiday Present

Early December, Dr. David Bessinger, Chair of Music, received an email from Mr. Eddie Walker, Executive Director of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. He informed Dr. Bessinger that Mr. Alexander Mickelthwate, the new Music Director of the Philharmonic, would like to visit the department. He was quickly invited.

Turns out Mr. Mickelthwate visited when two Music classes were about to begin, one of which, appropriately, was Dr. Farris and Mr. Mueller's Principles of Conducting Lab. Mr. Mickelthwate shared his experiences with the students and answered their questions. Members of the faculty, administration and community attended.

Dr. Bessinger later reported that the Philharmonic is considering SWOSU as a venue for one of their Classics Concerts during the 2019-2020 season. The Philharmonic has presented on campus a few times in the past. Details of the performance will be released next year.



Mr. Alexander Mickelthwate (right), Music Director of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, visits with Dr. Alex Lee, Director of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Symphony Orchestra.

Miss SWOSU 2019

Meaghan Dorn (photo center), junior Communication Arts major at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, won the crown of Miss SWOSU 2019 at the pageant on the Weatherford campus. Dorn will represent SWOSU at next summer's Miss Oklahoma Pageant in Tulsa.

Dorn won a \$2,400 SWOSU and a \$187 Children's Miracle Network scholarship; a \$1,000 cash award; and over \$3,000 in gift certificates and various gifts from area businesses. She also won the Talent, Lifestyle & Fitness in Swim Suit, and Peer Respect & Leadership Awards. Her platform issue is "The Love Foundation - Heart Health Awareness."

Dorn becomes the first former Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen to win the Miss SWOSU title.



SWOSU Criminal Justice Club Places Second in Regional Quiz Bowl

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Criminal Justice Student Association in Weatherford recently placed second in an undergraduate quiz bowl at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) annual conference held in San Antonio, TX.

The SWACJ conference provides professional development and networking opportunities for criminal justice professors and students. Six states—Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas—are represented at the conference.

One highlight from the conference each year is the undergraduate quiz bowl. Students are quizzed on their knowledge of law enforcement, corrections, U.S. judicial system, criminal law and procedures, major Supreme Court decisions, criminological theory, and research methodology.

SWOSU's team finished an impressive second. Members of the team are (pictured, from left) Jesus Alberto Manzano, Clinton; Tori Tarbet, Sayre; Summer Graham, Oologah; and Lauren Buzbee, Gage. Dr. Daniel Kavish (Social Sciences) is their faculty advisor.

In addition to the quiz bowl, SWOSU students and Kavish presented research at the conference. James Alexander and Jesus Alberto Manzano presented research on the social and financial costs of America's War on Drugs. Summer Graham presented research on feminist criminology. Velma Carriaga presented research on jurisdictional issues related to tribal land and the criminal justice system. Kavish presented research on traffic stop searches and contraband discovery. Also attending the conference were Jazmen Niles and SWOSU Professor Howard Kurtz.



“...the liberal arts are ‘the most powerful and adaptable form of education ever invented.’”

Dr. Clayton Spencer, President of Bates College
Interviewed by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 7, 2018, p. A10

SWOSU Holds Dedication Ceremony of Mann Hall



Southwestern Oklahoma State University held a dedication ceremony of Mann Hall, a newly remodeled residence hall honoring Dr. Henrietta Mann, former president of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College and lifelong proponent of Native American education. Dr. Mann earned a bachelor's degree in English at SWOSU.

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SWOSU Flute Day

On Sunday, October 28, the SWOSU Music Department welcomed 90 middle, high school, college, and professional flutists from around the state and region to the third annual Flute Day. This free event included 20 different events taught by 9 clinicians. Classes and activities included a warm up class, master classes, regional honor band audition workshops, flute Olympics, flute repair class, flute yoga, audition preparation class, performances, exhibits by JL Smith and Midwest Music, and flute choir.



The final concert showcased flute choir performances by SWOSU Flute Day participants. This year's event featured guest artist Marianne Gedigian. A world renowned performer, Gedigian is Professor of Flute at University of Texas at Austin and has performed with major orchestras across the country, including the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops.

Flute Day is organized by Dr. Shelley Martinson, Associate Professor of Music, and students from the SWOSU Flute Studio. Next year's Flute Day will take place on Sunday, October 27, 2019 and will feature Altus Flutes Artist George Pope.

This event was made possible in part by the generous support of the SWOSU Music Department, the SWOSU Foundation, and Midwest Music.

SWOSU and PC West Orchestras Performed Halloween Pops Concert



The SWOSU Symphony Orchestra had a side-by-side concert on the Weatherford campus with the Oklahoma City Putnam City West High School Orchestra.

SWOSU Symphony Orchestra Director Dr. Hsuan-Yu Alex Lee said there were about 38 PC West orchestral musicians, led by Mr. Levi Dobrinski, performing with the SWOSU Orchestra. The concert featured famous movie music from *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, *Indiana Jones*, *Lord of the Rings* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

To go along with the Halloween theme, SWOSU Residence Life and Housing held a costume contest on site for the audience.

2018 Women in Science Conference

This [conference](#) immersed students in numerous fun and exciting hands-on science activities designed just for this event. They also had access to the Science Museum Oklahoma. College and university representatives from Oklahoma institutions hosted dozens of interactive hands-on science and recruitment booths, as well.

SWOSU was represented by the Biology Club with students Jen Lehenbauer and Ani Gomez presenting along with Dr. Regina McGrane.

The 2018 Women in Science Conference was hosted and presented by the National Science Foundation's Oklahoma Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (OK NSF EPSCoR), Science Museum Oklahoma, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma INBRE, and NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium/NASA EPSCoR.

(Information from the conference web site was used in this article.)



Health Careers Day at SWOSU



Health Careers Day was held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Friday, November 30th. The free event was for any prospective health career student. This is always a great opportunity for high school students as well as others to learn more about the majors that can prepare them for a career in the health field.

Three CAS departments - Biological Sciences, Chemistry & Physics, and Music - provided table exhibits and presentations.



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Peters Receives Stewart L. Udall Award

On November 8, 2018, Western National Parks Association (WNPA), a nonprofit education partner of the National Park Service (NPS) since 1938, announced the recipients of its annual awards at the WNPA board reception. For over 30 years, WNPA has recognized individuals and organizations who make exceptional contributions to national parks and increase awareness of WNPA's mission. "We are thrilled to honor those who are dedicated not only to preserving and protecting our national parks, but also to ensuring that the parks can be enjoyed by all," said James E. Cook, executive director of WNPA.

Among the recipients, Dr. Siriporn Peters (Art, Communication & Theatre; third from left in photo) received the Stewart L. Udall Award for her leadership in the creation of collaborative, engaging, and accessible programs and exhibits at Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Oklahoma. Her first project, the Touch and See Your Park kiosk, uses braille, tactile graphics, and audio and visual components to help audiences with visual, auditory, or cognitive disabilities learn about the site. The project won the National Park Service Interpretive Design Project Accessibility Achievement Award in 2017.



Dr. Peters also coordinated art workshops and collaborative projects designed to introduce new audiences to traditional American Indian art forms, creating stronger ties between Washita Battlefield and the local community.

The Stewart L. Udall Award honors those who work to support park interpretation programs, deliver the park message to all audiences, or rally broad support for national parks. The award was named for the renowned conservationist, secretary of the interior (1961–1969), and former WNPA board member (1984–1994).

OK BioBlitz 2018



SWOSU Biology students and faculty recently participated in the 2018 Oklahoma BioBlitz held at Greenleaf State Park. Attending were (from left): Amber Powers, Addy Hume, Theresa Stein, Dr. Lisa Castle, Dr. Rickey Cothran, Dovile Strimaityte, Monica Bennett, Shayla Miller, Benjamin Dressler, Jennifer Abshire, Chris Reyes (friend of SWOSU biology), Randi Reyes, Abbagale Bond, Dillan Robbins, Anthony Nguyen, Cole Edens, Hunter Hines, Hayden Carey and Jeremy Welsh. Not pictured is Dr. Zach Jones.

Homecoming Bullpups Camp

During the morning of Homecoming, faculty and students in the Departments of Chemistry & Physics and Biological Sciences held Bullpups Camp for the children of alumni. Activities included exploring physical principles, chemical reactions, and aquatic biodiversity. Dr. Trevor Ellis (Chemistry & Physics) organized this year's camp.



Reimers Makes Major Gift to SWOSU



Dr. Valerie Reimers (center) recently made two generous investments that will assist the SWOSU Writing Center and SWOSU Department of Language & Literature. With Reimers are Garrett King, executive director of the SWOSU Foundation, and Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer, coordinator of the SWOSU Writing Center and associate professor in the SWOSU Department of Language & Literature. Dr. Reimers joined the SWOSU Language & Literature faculty in 1995 and retired in 2015.

Students Present at Language and Linguistics Conference



Students from Dr. Christi Cook's (Language & Literature) Diversity in American Literature and Teaching High School English classes presented original research at the Language and Linguistics Student Conference at UCO on Saturday, Nov. 9. Attending were (left to right): Melissa Hightower, Haleigh Klaus, Lauren Garner, Jerah Welborne, Kristi Celestine, Alyssa Cook, Cassie Smith, Conner Kirk, Hope Brown, Dr. Christi Cook, Mary Seo, and Maggie Logan.

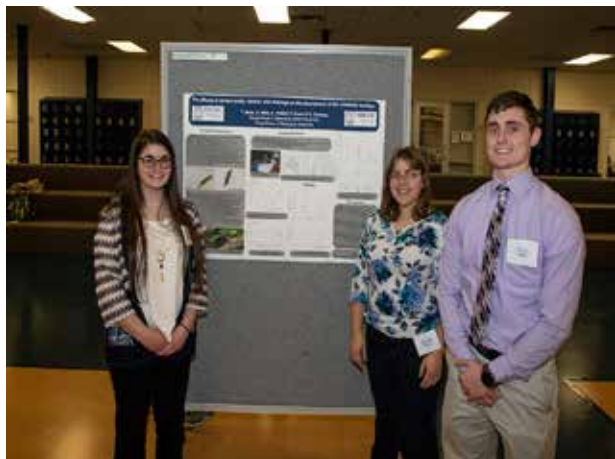
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SWOSU Hosts 26th Annual Research and Scholarly Activity Fair

More than 100 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students and faculty participated in the recent 26th annual [Research and Scholarly Activity Fair](#) on the Weatherford campus. There were 118 students and 34 faculty sponsors who presented 77 posters and 16 oral presentations representing multiple departments.

Six CAS departments participated: Art, Communication & Theatre; Biological Sciences; Chemistry & Physics; Language & Literature; Music; and Social Sciences. A total of 96 CAS students and faculty gave 55 presentations.

The event gives students the opportunity to present their research and other scholarly activity in poster or podium presentation formats.



Among the 118 students participating in the recent 26th annual SWOSU Research and Scholarly Activity Fair on the Weatherford campus were Biology students (from left) Amy Hofeld, Theresa Stein, and Skylar Mills.

2018 Election Watch Party



Dr. Dan Brown (Social Sciences) organized an election night watch party for students and faculty at the Weatherford Fairfield Marriott.

2019 Jazz with Pizzazz Dinner/Concert

Get the best of both worlds – delicious food and delightful jazz - by attending the annual Jazz with Pizzazz dinner and concert, February 8th, 6:00-8:00 PM.



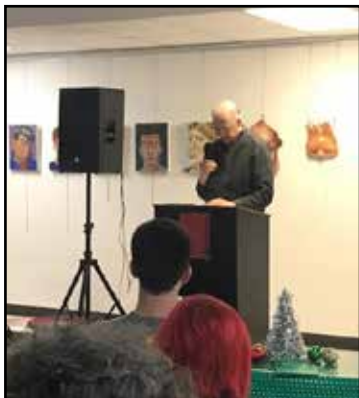
The event begins with a dinner in the SWOSU Student Union Ballroom and then moves to the Fine Arts Center for the annual Jazz Festival Concert.

Check the Weatherford Arts Council [web page](#) for upcoming details.

CAS Happenings

December
17 – Final grades due

January
1 – 2019!
4 – Enrollment
7 – Classwork begins
8-9 – Theatre auditions



Holiday Arts Reception

The Weatherford Arts Council presented their Holiday Arts Reception December 3rd in the SWOSU Art Building. The reception was held in the gallery of the Art Building and the walls were covered with art work.

Dr. Amanda Smith-Chesley first welcomed the audience and then introduced the presenters. Four members of the community presented their poems. Mr. Fred Alsberg read some of his works, and two students, Shiann Dawson and Tyler Zuniga, presented their work. Before and after the readings a jazz combo of Music students entertained the audience.

The reception was a result of the collaboration of the Departments of Art, Communication & Theatre; Language & Literature; Music; and the Weatherford Arts Council.



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